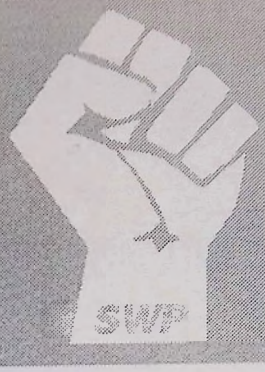
A SOCIALIST CANDIDATE TO CLIP THE CLAWS OF THE CELTIC TIGER

GRACE LALLY is the Socialist Workers Party candidate for the local elections in Rathmines. Grace believes that the so-called Celtic Tiger has only benefited a small minority. The political establishment has ignored the real issues that effect working class people.

A vote for Grace is a vote for a real socialist alternative.

The Socialist Workers Party is proposing a number of policies to re-distribute wealth from the corporate elite.



■ Housing:

Ireland has an enormous housing problem. There are 50,000 on the waiting lists and those in rented accommodation are finding that rents are escalating.

We need rent controls to deal with this situation. We also want an emergency local authority building programme. There should be a special tax on profits to help fund this programme.

■ Transport:

Dublin is grinding to a halt with traffic jams at every hour of the day. The huge increase in cars leads to higher levels of asthma and accidents. The main reason why people use their cars is that public transport is so poor.

We need a huge increase in the number of buses. That can only happen if the subsidy to Dublin Bus is increased.

At the moment Dublin has the lowest subsidy on public transport in the whole of the EU. In Athens the bus service gets a 50% subsidy but in Dublin it is less than 5%.

■ Low Wages:

Despite the Celtic Tiger, Thousands of workers are paid poverty wages. We need a national minimum wage of £5 an hour. The Socialist Workers Party encourages all workers to join unions and organise to win this claim.

The party can provide you with union forms and advice on how to organise.

■ Jail the Corrupt Politicians:

If you are rich and you bribe politicians, you are brought before a tribunal. But if you don't pay a television licence you can be jailed. The SWP has mounted a strong campaign to call for jail sentences for politicians who take bribes.

■ Oppose Racism:

Small racist groups are trying to scapegoat refugees. We say that the real scroungers in Irish society are those at the top.

Irish people emigrated all over the world. We should welcome refugees here.

■ Oppose Partnership For Peace:

The SWP is opposed to Irish involvement in PFP. This is an organisation for countries which are cooperating with NATO and desiring to join it in the future. The current NATO bombing of Yugoslavia is a humanitarian disaster.

The US is the driving force behind the war which has made life even worse for the Kosovars, has killed Serb civilians and has actually strengthened the position of Milosevic.

The SWP has been to the forefront of building the anti-war movement in this country.

A vote for Grace is a vote for a real socialist alternative.

Grace Lally is the secretary of the Ranelagh branch of the SWP and has been a local activist on many issues.

Grace was involved in setting up the Rathmines Housing Action Campaign in response to the massive housing crisis that currently exists. The campaign is fighting for rent controls and a public housing building programme. This has now become a national campaign with active groups in many areas of the city and around the country.

Grace is a member of the Anti Nazi League and has campaigned against the recent racist legislation introduced by John O'Donoghue. She is also active in fighting racism in the local area and was recently involved in organising a paint out of Nazi slogans near the Jewish synagogue.

Grace is standing as a candidate because she believes that we need a fighting councillor who will offer an alternative to the self serving politics of bribery and corruption that have been exposed in recent years.

HOUSING ACTION CAMPAIGN

HOUSING IS A RIGHT - NOT A PRIVILEGE

DEMAND RENT CONTROL & MORE LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES -NOT PROFITS FOR RICH PROPERTY DEVELOPERS!

PUBLIC MEETING

TUES. APRIL 27th
7 PM
PORTOBELLO HOTEL
(UPSTAIRS)
STH. RICHMOND ST.
PORTOBELLO

ALL WELCOME

GET INVOLVED

Do you want to see change in this country? It can only happen if working people organise themselves and take back what is rightfully theirs. The Socialist Workers Party does not get a penny from big business. It operates with the motto held by James Connolly; "The great are only great because we are on our knees: Let us arise". We are actively seeking new members in the Ranelagh/Rathmines area. If you want to get involved ring or write to us.

- ❑ I would like to join the SWP
- ❑ I would like to find out more about the SWP
- ❑ I would like to help in Grace Lally's Campaign

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